

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Suzanne Cory, et al. **Examiner:** Sumesh Kaushal  
**Serial No.:** 09/925,674 **Art Unit:** 1636  
**Filed:** August 9, 2001 **Docket:** 11686A  
**For:** NOVEL MAMMALIAN GENE, **Dated:** October 27, 2005  
BCL-W, BELONGS TO THE  
BCL-2 FAMILY OF APOPTOSIS-  
CONTROLLING GENES

**Confirmation No.:** 3390

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2005, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

---

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 27, 2005.

Dated: October 27, 2005

  
Xiaochun Zhu